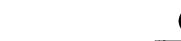
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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)
This international Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:
1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Claims Nos.: 33-43 because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such
an extent that no meaningful international Search can be carried out, specifically: See FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).
Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)
This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:
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3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:
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Claims Nos.: 33-43

In view of the large number of claims (46 claims, of which 7 are independent claims) and also the wording of the claims presently on file, which render it difficult, if not impossible, to determine the matter for which protection is sought, the present application fails to comply with the clarity and conciseness requirements of Article 6 PCT (see also Rule 6.1(a) PCT) to such an extent that a meaningful search is impossible.

In the present case and at first sight the claimed subject-matters are so numerous and different that they simply preclude the detailed analysis necessary to come to a firm conclusion regarding to the essential technical features of the invention and also the unity of the present application.

Independent product claims 33, 34, 36, 39 and 40 differ from independent product claim 1, in that they are drafted by means of removing features and/or adding features, lacking thus conciseness and clarity about the subject-matter to be searched.

Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the application which do appear to be well defined, clear and concise, namely claims 1-32, 44 & 45 (as far as dependent on claim 1) and 46.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an Internantional Preliminary Examination Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination on before the EPO (see APO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.



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